

each year will witness lessening crops until the land will become unprofitable—the naturally rich soil will have become exhausted.

We hear a great deal about the difficulties farmers have to encounter in New Brunswicks but little is said of the advantages they possess. As a dairying country New Brunswick is without a superior among the provinces of Canada. It is not possible to grow wheat in New Brunswick in competition with the praries of the vast Northwest. But the farmers of New Brunswick, can, with profit to themselves, supply their own tables with bread from their own farms. A week's labor and the use of his land will give any farmer in this province enough bread to last him a year—even in a bad season. It may be that it is more profitable to grow oats. If the oats are to be sold the profit is greater than if wheat were grown. But if the farmer is a business man he will not be long in calculating that it is takes the profit on a good many bushels of oats to buy a barrel of flour, in these days at least. When Hon. Mr. Emmerson put forth the idea that New Brunswick should supply her people with bread and made the bonusing of flour mills, in different sections of the province the policy of the government, some newspapers and political speakers began to urge upon the people that it was more profitable to raise other crops and with the money obtained from their sale to buy Ontario or Northwest flour. This is a fallacy and a violation of economic laws. Every dollar the farmer can earn from his land is so much added to his income or his capital. It he can supply all his own wants and have a surplus to sell to his neighbors

he improves his position. If it takes half of his oat crop now to keep him in bread he would certainly be better off if he raised the wheat to make his own bread and had the whole of his oat crop to the good. Of course he would have to do more work but it has never been asserted or claimed that the farmer has not time to cultivate the extra two or three acres of wheat that would be required for flour. Every bushel of wheat that is raised in this Province is worth a dollar to the farmer who raises it, and the average yield among the farmers who raise wheat in New Brunswick is better here than in Ontario. For two or three years there was quite an impetus given to wheat raising but the farmers are dropped back into the old rut. The lack of continuous effort is very apparent in this. The New Brunswick farmer too often inverts the old saw that one swallow does not make a summer by acting on the principle that one poor crop demonstrates that such a crop is unprofitable.

We have good seasons and bad seasons in New Brunswick just as they have them in other parts of the world but they are never so bad that the farmer does not get a fair return for his labor. As a dairying country New Brunswick has already demonstrated its splendid capacity. Dairying is a most important and profitable industry for agriculturists to engage in—beneficial in every way, but most particularly from the fact not only is the farmer's income increased but the fertility of the farm also increased. As much of the work is done in factories the labor of the farmer is not greatly increased and where the co-operative plan prevails the cost is not excessive,